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1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE INFORMATION FURNISHED EMBASSY BERLIN
NARCOTICS COORDINATOR BY GDR AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 1, US MISSION
BERLIN REQUESTED THAT US MISSION GENEVA OBTAIN COPIES OF REPORTS
RENDERED THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE GDR FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1975
THROUGH 1977. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE 1975 AND 1976
REPORTS. 1977 STATISTICS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

2. IN 1975 THE GDR AUTHORITIES REPORTED 35 CASES OF ILLICIT
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NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING BY PERSONS ENTERING THE GDR FROM THE WESTERN
SECTORS OF BERLIN. AS 16 INDIVIDUALS ENTERED BY RAIL OR ON FOOT,
THESE VIOLATIONS PROBABLY OCCURRED AT VARIOUS SECTOR/SECTOR
CROSSING POINTS WITHIN THE DIVIDED CITY. 19 INCIDENTS INVOLVING
MOTOR VEHICLES COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER AT SECTOR/SECTOR CROSSING
POINTS OR SECTOR/ZONAL CROSSING POINTS BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS
OF BERLIN AND THE GDR. SIX SEIZURES OF CANNABIS RESIN (PROBABLY

HASHISH) TALLING 40,900 GRAMS WERE MADE AT SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT IN TRANSIT FROM DAMASCUS TO WEST BERLIN. OTHER 25 KILOGRAMS WERE SEIZED FROM A CAR ARRIVING IN THE GDR FROM SYRIA VIA TURKEY, GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE LATTER REPORT SUBSTANTIATES PREVIOUS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BERLIN (WEST) CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES THAT TRAFFICKERS ARE BYPASSING FRG CUSTOMS CHECK POINTS BY USE OF THIS ROUTE. (BERLIN CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THE VEHICLE ENTERED THE TRANSIT ROUTES FROM THE FRG OR SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN). 1975 SEIZURES TOTAL 81,290 GRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN (56 SEIZURES) AND 50 MILLIGRAMS OF HEROIN (1 SEIZURE). DIVERSION OF NARCOTICS FROM ILLICIT CHANNEL BY FORGED PRESCRIPTIONS OR THEFT IS ESTIMATED AT 500 PETHIDINE AMPOULES OF 0.05 GRAMS EACH, 60 GRAMS OF MORPHINE (PREPARATIONS) AND 60 AMPOULES OF 0.01 OR 0.02 GRAMS EACH. THE REPORT INDICATES 13 ARRESTS AND 17 PROSECUTIONS. THESE ADDITIONAL FOUR PROSECUTIONS COULD BE EITHER PERSONS ARRESTED IN 1974, OR CITIZENS OF THE GDR, AS 13 FOREIGNERS WERE PROSECUTED, (ONE CANADIAN, ONE GHAHAIAN, ONE IRAQI, ONE LEBANESE, FIVE SYRIANS, TWO WEST GERMANS AND TWO OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY).

3. THE 1976 REPORT SHOWS 67 CASES OF ILLICIT TRAFFICKING WITH 35 PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND 25 PERSONS IN TRANSIT THROUGH THE GDR. THE 35 PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WERE PROBABLY AT A SECTOR/ SECTOR CROSSING POINTS. IN FIVE CASES CANNABIS RESIN WAS ENROUTE FROM
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SYRIA, LEBANANON AND PAKISTAN, DESTINED FOR WEST BERLIN. THE REPORT SHOWS MEANS OF TRANSPORT AS BEING BY RAIL, AIR, SEA AND BY FOOT. THE SEA-ROUTE COULD SUBSTANTIATE US MISSION SUPICIONS THAT NARCOTICS ARE ARRIVING VIA BARGE FROM FRG SEAPORTS. TO DATE, HOWEVER, CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVE THIS POINT. 1976 SEIZURES TOTALED 1 GRAM OF MORPHINE (1 SEIZURE), 3 GRAMS OF HEROIN (1 SEIZURE), 4 GRAMS OF PETHIDINE (1 SEIZURE), 650 MILLIGRAMS OF CANNABIS (2 SEIZURES), 25,974 GRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN (61 SEIZURES) AND 300 MILLIGRAMS OF MESCALINE (1 SEIZURE). ARRESTS WERE NOT LISTED, HOWEVER NINE PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR TRAFFICKING IN PETHIDINE (3), COCAINE (1), AND CANNABIS/CANNABIS RESIN (5). FOREIGN NATIONALS INVOLVED WERE 3 LEBANESE, 1 SYRIAN AND ONE WEST GERMAN. THEFTS FOR NARCOTICS FROM HOSPITALS TOTALED SEVEN HUNDRED AMPOULES (50 GRAM EACH) OF PETHIDINE AND 3 GRAMS OF COCAINE SOLUTION.

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